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TAGS: EAID, ENGR, SY, RO
SUBJECT: ROMANIAN REFINERY PROJECT AT BANIAS STALLED IN ROW
OVER ROMANIAN KUWAIT INVESTMENTS

1. DEPUTY MINISTER PETROLEUM TOLD EMBOFF THAT ROMANIANS
HAVE CEASED FUNDING BANIAS REFINERY PROJECT BECAUSE OF
PROBLEMS WITH ANOTHER ROMANIAN PROJECT IN KUWAIT. APPARENTLY
THERE IS A DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN BUCHAREST AND KUWAITI
GOVERNMENTS AND ROMANIANS SHIFTED FINANCING FROM BANIAS
PROJECT TO COMPLETE THEIR KUWAITI WORK. SYRIANS HAVE NOW
STOPPED ALL THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO PROJECT AND WORK ON
REFINERY APPEARS TO BE STALLED FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD.

2. COMMENT: THIS MAY NOT BE MAJOR DISASTER FOR SYRIANS
THERE IS A LOT OF EVIDENCE THAT SYRIAN GOVT HAS OVER-
INVESTED IN LAST FEW YEARS, AND IS SEEKING TO CUT BACK
ON INVESTMENT PROJECTS. FURTHER, WITH EVIDENCE THAT SYRIAN
INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY HEAVILY UNDERUTILIZED DELAYS IN
BRINGING REFINERY ON STREAM MAY BE LESS COSTLY
THAN EXPECTED.

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